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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in response to the call for public comments on the proposed settlement between the Department of Justice and nine states and the Microsoft Corporation.

I have used Microsoft products at work for the past twelve years. The company that I work for has spent hundreds of millions of dollars upgrading software to keep up with Microsoft's current offerings. There is no difference in my productivity now versus ten years ago with three or four generation older equipment. In fact I have had some of the greatest data losses just in the last few months which would have cost my company thousands of dollars had we not had backups stored in a separate location.

My point is that I have not seen one hint of innovation from this company and because of its monopoly, very little innovation in the software market. In order to restore serious competition we need a serious settlement, not a slap on the wrist.

The following link contains a proposal that I fully support: http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html

We desperately need to restore competition in this country or the rest of the world will do it for us! What brand of car do you drive?

Sincerely,

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